ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2015

publicity pamphlets; counties; municipalities

Purpose

Stipulates all contracts for pamphlet publication or mailing contain a penalty each day mailing is delayed, to be paid by the contractor to the office of the officer in charge of elections.

Background

A municipality or county must mail a pamphlet with the measures and arguments to be voted on during the election to every household containing a registered voter, before the early ballot is mailed. If the pamphlet does not go out prior to the early ballot, the officer in charge of the election must provide a notice with the early ballots stating when the pamphlets will be mailed, where they may be accessed or viewed. Pamphlets are required to be mailed or delivered no less than 10 days before an election (A.R.S. § 19-141).

An ordinance, resolution or franchise passed by the governing body of a city or town becomes effective no less than 30 days after its passage by the council. In order for the ordinance, resolution or franchise to become operative it must be approved by the mayor, unless it is passed over the mayor's veto and the clerk of the city or town certifies the meeting minutes at which the action was taken (A.R.S. § 19-142).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Requires contracts for pamphlet publication or mailing contain a penalty of one cent for each household with a registered voter for each day of the late mailing, paid by the contractor to the office of the officer in charge of the election.

2. Makes technical changes.

3. Becomes effective on January 1, 2017.

House Action				Senate Action			
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